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In the Application of)

Romeo Bucher, et al.)

for METHOD AND DEVICE FOR)
WELDING SHEETS)

Serial No: 09/913,984)

Filed On: December 27, 2001)

Examiner: J. Johnson

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT and
REQUEST FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement entered in the above-identified application in the Examiner's Action of August 13, 2003, Applicants hereby elect with traverse, Group I, Claims 1 and 11-16 drawn to a method for welding sheet materials drawn to a method of welding sheets.

Applicants respectfully disagree with Examiner's Restriction Requirement and traverse the requirement as being in appropriate. In particular, Applicants disagree with the Examiner's statements regarding the "special technical feature", and "no contribution made over the prior art".

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Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in order to file a Response to the Restriction Requirement on the above-identified application. The fee of \$110.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is enclosed.

If any additional extensions of time for the accompanying Response is required, applicants request that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.17(a) to (d), which may be required to Deposit Account No. 13-0235.

Respectfully submitted,

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